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Gardens & Gears: Steampunk Fair, Steam Engine Day at The Domes

Milwaukee, WI (Feb. 17, 2015) – Gardens & Gears: Steampunk Fair and Steam Engine Day return to The Domes Sunday, Feb. 22 from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. The Domes, “Milwaukee’s Living Landmark,” is located at 524 S. Layton Blvd.

Gardens & Gears is a gadget-filled garden party where the future meets the past. Creative artists, craftsmen, and fashion designers will celebrate the looks and lifestyles of alternate-past eras, from the Victorian to the Wild West.

Meanwhile at Steam Engine Day, volunteers from three statewide train clubs will run their collectible trains in the Show Dome. Members of the Wisconsin Garden Railroad, Kenosha Railroad and Wisconsin-Illinois Train Club will be running Thomas the Tank Engine, his friends, and specialty trains that run on steam.

“Combining Steam Engine Day with Gardens & Gears has proven to create a wildly successful event,” said Sandy Folaron, Director of The Domes. “We bring together toddlers enamored with Thomas the Tank Engine and families visiting our garden train show with creative individuals of all backgrounds. Steampunk transcends age and culture and can be enjoyed by anyone with a love of science fiction, technology, or creativity.”

This year’s Gardens & Gears will feature nearly double the vendors from last year. Artisans will offer a wide range of fashion items with a retro-futuristic flair, including elegant gowns, imaginative jewelry, hats, gloves, and leather items. Other unique items for sale will include lightbulb terrariums, candles, soaps, steampunk clocks, and metal sculptures. For the “do-it-yourself,” American Science and Surplus will have a booth featuring all sorts of inspirational gadgets, thingamajigs, and whatchamacallits.

Entertainment at the event will range from electro-swing music by Jane the Phooole and performances by the Stellamani Dance Company to Carl Klinger on the “Combustophone” and John Folaron on the theremin. A face-painter will transform the look of kids of all ages.

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Guests are encouraged to wear their own steampunk attire to this family-friendly event.

During the special events, visitors may view the most popular show of the year—the garden train show, “2015: A Space Odyssey.” The show weaves together a futuristic alien landscape with the age of steam trains and tells the story of a young boy who journeys into space aboard a great space train to help save the planet from being polluted by an evil alien. The landscape is created by dwarf flowering azalea trees several varieties of miniature evergreen trees, and diminutive forget-me-nots, cyclamen, pink polka dot plant, and pansies. Winding through the landscape is 700 feet of G-scale train track, with views of space-stations, asteroid fields, and alien planets.

The on-site caterer, Zilli Hospitality Group, will offer both bar and concessions. The menu will feature Hunter’s Colonial Stew, and Johnsonville Bratwurst simmered in onions and beer, as well as other snack items. Bloody Marys, Dark Beers, Rum Punch, and a wide variety of other non-alcoholic beverages will also be available for purchase.

“Gardens & Gears,” Steam Engine Day, and “2015: A Space Odyssey” are included with regular admission. Admission for adults age 18 and over is \$7; Milwaukee County Seniors with ID, persons with disabilities, students of any age with ID, and youth age 6-17 are \$5. Children 5 and under are admitted for free.

For more information, call The Mitchell Park Domes at (414) 257-5600 or visit countyparks.com

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